

# St. Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

All Saints Day

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Alison Hudson

**Please pray for** Joyce and Rob Thacker, Laura Durling, Sally-Anne and Peter Madeley, Carol Ducker, Rowan Huggitt, Barbara Graham, Sonia Perry and +Gregor Duncan.

**All Souls Day:** Please pray for the faithful departed who are remembered this morning

**In Remembrance and with thanksgiving** for the life of Catharine Kaye (Tinny). Please pray for Margaret, her sister, and others of the family

**Pause for Prayer** Each Wednesday from 9.30-10am there will be an opportunity to 'Pause for Prayer' in St Mary's Church. Please do join us any time you are free.

**Festival Planning** a few of us have gathered to consider our Advent and Christmas services. In light of our gift from the Bishop of a stone with the prophetic word 'hope', it is proposed that we hold an Advent Course on that theme on Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10-11am in St Mary's Church, following the Pause for Prayer. Our Christmas theme will be 'the gift of Christ for everyone'. Further details will follow, but please do speak to Gill if you have any particular thoughts or ideas.

**Church AGM** takes place today, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November following the morning service. At this important annual meeting we re-appoint our Vestry members. We have vacancies for Vestry members. Please do consider whether this is something that you could offer to the church at this time.

**Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November** there is a united service of Remembrance in Gatehouse Parish Church, at 10am followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. There is no service at St. Mary's.

**Ladies Breakfast** arranged by the Community church, will be held at the Bank of Fleet on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.00am There are further details and a sign up form in the porch.

**Foodbank** the next collection date is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

**New website** our new updated website is now up and running, please do look through and let Revd Alison have any feedback, as well as any good quality photographs you are willing to share. The address is the same as before - [www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk](http://www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk) We also have a Facebook page – St Mary's Church, Gatehouse of Fleet. If you use Facebook, please do follow and share any posts from this page.

**Thank you** to Susan Smyth and Psallite for leading Evensong last Sunday. It was an uplifting service with wonderful singing and an opportunity to chat afterwards and enjoy refreshments.

**Gift Aid and Giving** If you are a visitor or come occasionally to St.Mary's, and are a taxpayer, you may want to complete one of the green envelopes in the pew, (not forgetting to include your name and address) in order that we can reclaim the tax. If you would rather give a regular amount, either by standing order or by weekly envelope, please speak to the Treasurer, David Hart. David can be contacted by email at [david21gatehouse@icloud.com](mailto:david21gatehouse@icloud.com) or phone on 01557 814294

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## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son  
Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your  
blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those  
inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those  
who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

*A reading from the book of Daniel.*  
In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever."

## PSALM Psalm 149

**R** My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom [and my heart shall meditate on understanding].

Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation  
of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful  
in their king.

Let them praise his name in  
the dance;  
let them sing praise to him with  
timbrel and harp. **R**

For the Lord takes pleasure in  
his people  
and adorns the poor with victory.  
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their  
throat  
and a two-edged sword in their  
hand;  
To wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples;  
To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
To inflict on them the judgement  
decreed;  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Alleluia! **R**

## SECOND READING

### Ephesians 1:11-end

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.*

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

## POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this  
table

as strangers and pilgrims here on  
earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of  
your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.